



## Michigan Alcohol Policy Promoting Health & Safety

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Dear Chairman Franz and Members of the House Regulatory Reform Committee,

Michigan Alcohol Policy Promoting Health and Safety is opposed to SB 929 for the following reasons:

- Many communities already have too many alcohol outlets. Increased alcohol outlet density is associated with excessive alcohol consumption and related harms. Michigan citizens already pay too much for alcohol (over \$800/person) whether they drink or not.
- This bill is not necessary and there are enough retailers that sell alcohol in Michigan. Outside of special interest groups we have not heard anyone saying that they would like more places that sell alcohol.
- Continuing to give out more licenses stretches the resources of the Liquor Control Commission and local law enforcement so it becomes more difficult for them to enforce the liquor control code and related laws.
- This bill will harm some retailers who already have licenses. This isn't fair to them because when they received their license they didn't know that everyone would be able to have one.

Thank you for your service to Michigan and I ask all of you to step up for public health and safety and vote NO on SB 929.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Tobias', written over a horizontal line.

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